

Amendments to the Specifications

Please replace the first paragraph with the following:

Description-Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to a device for stripping dirt off belts in conveyor belt systems in the area of a drive and/or head pulley of the belt.

Please replace the second paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Description of the Related Art

In a prior art stripping device of this type (EP 0 739 303 B1), the lamella holder has a swivel mount having a limited swivel angle in an arrangement such that the stripping lamella contacting the belt may adapt to changes in inclination of the belt by automatic swivelling. The swivel mount having the spring means acting on the lamella holder consists of a torsion spring joint attached to a plug-in device. In this prior art apparatus, a very good stripping results is achieved which is to be understood as part of a fine cleaning procedure. For cases in which large amount of material adhere to the belt continually or temporarily and have to be stripped off, this stripping device may be overtaxed. In such cases, therefore pre-strippers are arranged upstream capable for stripping great amount of material off the belt.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Summary of the Invention

According to the invention, the object is solved in that

-the stripping lamella is swivel mounted at the lamella holder by a top swivel mount having a horizontal swivel axis and

- is held by a top spring means in a spring biased fashion whose spring action
- with respect to the bottom swivel mount and its spring means-is in the counter sense.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Exemplary embodiments of the present invention will be explained in the following in more detail with reference to the drawings, wherein:

Please replace the seventh paragraph on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Detailed Description

With reference to Fig. 1, about a pulley 2 – drive and/or head pulley – a belt 1 is placed running round the pulley 2 in a belt running direction indicated by an arrow G, in this case having an angle of contact of about 90°. The pulley 2 is supported in the usual way to be rotary within a frame (not shown) of a conveyor belt assembly.